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The Goths ravaged North-west Asia
Minor

The emperor Decius and his son
met their death in the Battle of
ABRITTUS when the Gothen king
CIVA annihilated the Roman army

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251-253 regines

St. Cornelius

St. CORNELIUS was 21st Pontiff
he succeeded FABIANUS.

Antipope was NOVITIAN (251)

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The war against the Goths continued in 251, when Decius, campaigning on the lower Danube, received news of yet another would-be usurper. This was Julius Valens LICINIANUS, at home who had support among the senate and people of the capital. By end of Mar 251, Valens too was dead.

Sotho defeated by DECIVS, who
fell in battle.

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Gallus was elected by the
legions.

He had his co-regent HOSTILIANUS,
son of Decius, put to death.

Spring
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CNIVA began his march back, Laden with booty, the Gaths moved northeast, in reverse direction along ~~their~~ the route their southern group had taken in 250.

Decius became the first Roman emperor to fall in battle against a foreign enemy

251-253

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NOVATIANISM (251-350)

A schism and heresy, organized by Novatian who established himself as the first Anti-pope in 251.

It taught that those who had fallen away from the faith could never be reconciled with the church.

Novatian was condemned by

Pope St. Cornelius and a Roman Council. The schism lasted till about 350.

251-266

Plague in Africa
from Carthage to Egypt

251-266

Plague in Sicily & Roman
Peninsula

Summer 251

meanwhile, the emperor's son Herennius Etruscus had been named augustus by his father. After some initial successes, the Romans met the Gothic main force in the middle of summer 251 at ABRITTUS-HISARLAK near RAZGRAD (in modern Bulgaria). CNIVA lured the Romans into a marshy and treacherous area he himself seems to have been familiar with. He divided the Gothic army into several tactical units

with which he tried to encircle the injured
troops; This maneuver was successful,
and Decius & his son were killed. With great
difficulty Tribune GALLUS saved what
was left of the Roman army, which subsequently
declared him Emperor; He had to allow
the Goths to move on with their rich
human and material spoils and even had
to promise them annual payments. This is
why to this day (modern times) he is charged with
treason & incompetence

June 251

Decius had some success against the Goths and was endeavouring to cut off their retreat at ABRITUS, just south of the Lower Danube, in June 251 when his army fell into a trap. Decius was killed, the first emperor to die in battle against a foreign enemy. With him perished his elder son Quintus Iulius Ethicus Messius Decius who had

been raised to the rank of Caesar the previous year,

To later generations Decius was a villain because of his persecutions of the Christians.

CNIVA's Sotho dragged off Roman Christians who then turned "their masters into brothers." The majority of Sotho's plundering expeditions of the late 180s started in the Cumania.

After the defeats of the Romans at Beroea, Philappopolis and the disaster, the new emperor Gallus had no choice but to get rid of the Goths as quickly as possible.

At the same time, a plague like epidemic broke out, ravaging the land for many years. The Empire's strength was nearly exhausted.

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Decius died fighting Goths.
Tribonianus Gallus was
made emperor.